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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Frances P. Oropeza

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/22/03 (*Initial Filing*).
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 8/22/03 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/22/03; 9/24/03; 12/15/03; 3/18/04; 4/30/04
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

2. Claims 1-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brown (US 6168563). Brown discloses a system for remotely regularly monitoring patients that combine medical device monitoring with query of the patients based creating a data baseline (abstract; col. 1 @ 29-64; col. 6 @ 4-7). The system includes a server (2018) /clearinghouse (54) with a database (2038), a remote clinician workstation (60), a remote programmable patent interface apparatus (58), modem (52) / communication network (2024), and at least one monitoring device for measuring a physiological condition and for transmitting the measurements to the apparatus (16, 20 and 22) (figs 1, 2, 12; col. 9 @ 20-32 and 42-52; col. 15 @ 40-47). The apparatus includes a display and buttons to enable the query (figs. 14-16; col. 25 @ 58 – col. 26 @ 36) or a speech synthesizer and a speech recognizer for audible queries (figs 24-26; col. 32 @ 12 – col. 33 @ 34). As an option, the display can be used with the microphone (2118) and speaker (2072) (col. 32 @ 14-22). A scripted program(s), read as the computer readable storage medium for performing the methods, are received from the server to control the interactions between the apparatus and the patient (col. 9 @ 30-32) to collect monitoring device measurements (2044), to communicate the queries, to receive the responses (2042) and to

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transmit the measurement data and responses to the server (col. 25 @ 43-49), hence providing feedback on 4 levels: patient status indicator and, potential medical concern to patient; potential medical concern to local medical personnel; and device reprogramming. The query and the physiological monitoring are contemporaneous (col. 30 @ 37-41). The system produces a patient report (2058) where device measurements are shown graphically and where query responses are included (figure 21). The reports can be standardized or customized using analysis to define the patient status for the healthcare profession (col. 7 @ 23-58). Multiple patients are managed with the system (col. 5 @ 66- col. 6 @ 7). Multiple measurements (including sibling and peer measurements) are obtained and compared (col. 15 @ 40-57).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fran Oropeza whose telephone number is (571) 272-4953.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert E. Pezzuto can be reached on (571) 272-6996. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300 for regular communication and for

After Final communications.

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